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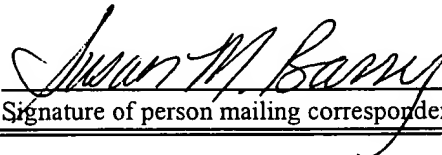


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action, mailed December 15, 2000, be extended for three months to and including June 15, 2001.

Enclosed is a check for \$890.00 for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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